presented to the appellate Court for a transfer. Magisterial power partakes of the nature of judicial and requires a special officer to exercise it. (*c*) Amildars have to go out for 10 days or so every month on itineration, and so do not dispose of their cases soon. They may be divested of criminal powers, experimentally, in large taluks. (*d*) Sub-Registrars may be invested with 3rd class Criminal powers.

Reply of Government.—This is a big question and is noted for consideration.

Subject No. 61.
Abolition of capital punishment.

Mr. B. Garudachar of Shimoga.

Summary of discussion.—Hanging for murders may be abolished. Leading jurists like Bentham advocate the abolition of capital punishment, and this has actually been done in America and other places. If capital punishment were abolished, convictions for murder can be had with less difficulty than at present.

Reply of Government.—Noted. It is not possible to make such a sweeping change at present.

Subject No. 62.
Amildars and Police work.

Mr. Guru Rao, Nanjangud Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The question of relieving Amildars of Police duties was discussed in the meeting of 1899 when the Representatives were informed that the proposal was noted for consideration, but no orders have yet been passed in the matter.

Reply of Government.—This is not at present feasible.

Subject No. 63.
Exemption of certain leases from Registration.

Mr. M. K. Krishnamurti Rao.
„ Pandit Srirangachar.

Summary of discussion.—At present the registration of lease deeds of above one year is compulsory. These documents should be exempted from registration and stamp expenses in cases in which the term of lease is below five years and the value within Rs. 100. If this cannot be done, these may be accepted for registration on a three-pie-paper with a reduction in registration fees.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

Subject No. 64.
Photographs of persons executing documents.

Mr. Nanjedevaru of Seringapatam Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The taking out of likenesses of executants of documents at the time of registration is much desired in view to prevent perpetration of fraud on illiterate persons.

Reply of Government.—Not possible. The system of taking finger impressions is now being tried in Bangalore, and will be extended to other places gradually. This seems enough.

Subject No. 65.
Location of Sub-Registry Offices.

Messrs. A. Anniah Pandit and D. Narsimhaiya of Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Sub-Registry Offices in the State should invariably be located in a portion of the Taluk Cutcherry.

Reply of Government.—This is being done wherever possible.